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Italian intervention

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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished members of the delegation of Burkina Faso.

Italy praises the efforts paid in contrasting human trafficking in children. While the relevant national action plan 2008-2011 came to an end, what further measures does Burkina Faso intends to adopt in order to tackle such a heinous crime, which seriously affects also women and refugees?

While commending the actions taken to guarantee the rights of the child, such as the establishment of a hotline for reporting abuse, Italy **recommends** that Burkina Faso strengthen its efforts to ensure the functionality of monitoring and reporting mechanism of violations of the rights of child in the entire country, specially in the rural areas.

Italy expresses its strong appreciation for the central role deployed by Burkina Faso in contrasting Female Genital Mutilations and for its stance as a *de facto* abolitionist of death penalty. Regretting that the courts continue to pronounce death sentences, Italy **recommends** Burkina Faso to commute all death sentences to terms of imprisonment. We also would like to ask Burkina Faso to share more details about the Government strategy to overcome the remaining obstacles to the abolishment of death penalty (and the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR).

I thank you, Mr. President